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Congressman Tim Walz
United States House of Representatives
1134 7th St. NW
Rochester, MN 55901

Dear Congressman Walz:

Please consider the Lake Winona Outlet Reestablishment Project in Winona, Minnesota for the 2011 appropriations request. Lake Winona serves as the control basin for the city's storm sewer system, particularly in the event of high water in the Mississippi River. During flood events the outlet structure of the lake is closed and water is pumped into an historic drainage way. Over many years, the drainage way has become clogged with silt. The slow water drainage causes water to remain at elevated heights for extended periods of time which in turn causes flooding in the basements of homes in Winona. A significant portion of the city of Winona is affected by this problem.

The request is that eighty percent of the project's cost be from federal sources. The remaining twenty percent would be from local storm water utility revenue. It is estimated that 4 to 6 jobs would be created for 6 to 8 months.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jerry Miller".

Jerry Miller
Mayor

PART 2 – GENERAL INFORMATION:**1. Name of Project:**

Flood Control, Lake Winona Lake Outlet reestablishment

1b. Is the project located in Minnesota's 1st Congressional District?

Yes, Winona, Minnesota lake outlet.

1c. Please indicate all other Members of Congress you are submitting this request to (NOTE: the more support for a project, the better). If you are not submitting this application to Minnesota's U.S. Senators, please explain why:**2. Summarize your project in 3-4 sentences. If you secure federal funds for this project, how long will it take for the project to be completed?**

During high water events in the Mississippi River, Lake Winona serves as the primary storm sewer outlet for Winona. The water level in the lake must be maintained at a low enough elevation to prevent flooding of community homes, primarily through ground seepage. Flood pumps move water out of the lake and into a historic drainage way that has silted in over many years. This project would initially be for design followed by removal of silt material.

3. How much are you requesting in federal earmark funds in FY2011?

\$1,360,000

4. What is the total project cost? What is the exact percentage breakdown of funding for the project (i.e. what percentage of the total cost will come from the federal government, state government, local governments, private sector, etc.)? Has all non-federal funding already been allocated? If not, what is the likelihood that non-federal funds will not materialize?*(note: some funding agencies require non-federal project funding matches)*

Total project cost estimated at \$1,700,000

80% Federal request at \$1,360,000

20% Local funding at \$340,000

5. a) If you receive this funding, will the project be completed or self-sufficient? If not, why not?**b) When do you anticipate that this project will be completed or self-sufficient?****c) For how many additional years do you anticipate asking for funding?**

The local funding portion would be paid from existing Storm Sewer utility funding.

6. Have you received federal funding for this project in the past? Please list the fiscal year and funding level.

- a) was the funding received through a grant?
b) if the funding was received through an appropriations bill, please list which bill provided funding and at what level.
c) list the source of all non-earmark federal money the project has received (i.e. from the ARRA, formula funds, etc.).

No.

7a. Which Appropriations bill should your project be funded within?

- Agriculture
- Commerce, Justice, Science
- Defense
- Energy and Water
- Financial Services
- Homeland Security
- Interior and the Environment
- Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education
- Legislative Branch
- Military Construction and Veterans' Affairs
- State and Foreign Operations
- Transportation and Housing and Urban Development

Energy and Water

7b. Which department, agency and account should your project be funded within?
(For example: USDA's CSREES account; HUD's EDI account; FHWA's TCSP account.)

8. Please confirm that your project is eligible to receive funds by contacting the relevant federal agency. Please list the name, title, agency and contact information of the person with whom you confirmed your project's eligibility below.

9. What specifically would this funding be used for? Please be specific: construction, environmental impact statement, staff salaries, etc.

The funding would be used for the project analysis, environmental analysis, design and construction (silt removal.)

10. Has this project been authorized in federal law? If so, please provide authorization bill.

11. (Transportation requests only) Is this project in the STIP? Is it supported by MnDOT? Please attach a letter of support from MnDOT for the project.
12. (Transportation requests only) Matching funds of at least 20% of the total project cost are required for transportation projects. Matching funds cannot be federal funds. Please provide the source and amount of matching funds.
13. (Army Corps of Engineers requests only) Is funding requested for a study or construction? Please provide the Congressional Authorization for this project (Public Law# and Section).

PART 3 – PROJECT INFORMATION:

1. What is the justification for the project? Why is it a good use of taxpayer funds? (ie: Why is the project needed? What problem will it solve? What gap will it fill?)
<p>The drainage way is in an historic county drainage ditch that serves the City of Winona exclusively. The County Drainage authority would have administrative authority, but the project would be petitioned by the City of Winona with all benefits received by the City of Winona. Because of that designation of benefits the expenses will be 100% the responsibility of the City of Winona.</p> <p>The project is essential to the safety and health of a significant portion of the residents of the /city of Winona. Dredging of the drainage way will allow for proper control of Lake Winona water elevations which in turn protects from flooding and basement seepage.</p>
2. How many jobs will this project create in southern Minnesota?
<p>It is estimated that four to six jobs for 6 to 8 months will be created as a result of this project.</p>
3. How will the project transform southern Minnesota? (ie: Will it bring cutting edge technology to the state? Lead to new businesses or commercialization opportunities? Help Minnesota compete for government and industry contracts? BE SPECIFIC.)

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4. What are the primary project objectives? List your top 3-4 project objectives and describe your plans to achieve these objectives. In addition, please explain how you will measure progress toward these objectives and hold your organization accountable for meeting them.

The object is to prevent flooding of homes. The protection of property and health is a critical responsibility of government. The city of Winona is seeking funding to accomplish this project as soon as practical since its urgency is dependent on the flooding levels of the Mississippi River or major local events such as the August 2007 storm.

5. What other partners (universities, businesses, groups) are involved in this project?

Winona County will be involved administratively but not financially.

Note: Please attach any additional information you think would be useful in describing your project.

PART 4 – CONTACT INFORMATION:

Requesting Organization (if this is different than the organization that should actually receive federal funds to execute the project, please also specify which organization should be the recipient of federal funds):	City of Winona, Department of Public Works				
Address:	207 Lafayette Street, PO Box 378				
City:	Winona	State:	MN	Zip	55987

Point of contact at organization for Rep. Walz's staff to contact with questions		Keith A. Nelson		Title:	Assistant City Manager for Public Works
Phone:	507 457 8274	Fax:	507 452 1239	Cell:	507 452 8869
Email:	knelson@ci.winona.mn.us				

Contact information for head of organization for Rep. Walz to contact		Eric Sorensen		Title:	City Manager
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Email:	esorensen@ci.winona.mn.us				

Agency Sponsor: (Include the name and contact information of any federal agency representative who supports your project request)					
Agency:					
Contact Person:				Title:	
Phone:			Email		

PART 5 – FOR DEFENSE REQUESTS ONLY:

If you are requesting funds from the Department of Defense, please provide the following information, in addition to the above.	
Budget Account and Service/Agency: (ie: R&D, Army; O&M, Air Force; R&D, Air Force)	
Program Element:* (for R&D projects only)	
Line Number:* (for procurement and R&D accounts)	
Line Item Title*	
Does this project fulfill a validated military requirement? If so, please cite the relevant DOD documents.	

** These can be found in FY2008 P-1 and R-1 documents on the DOD comptroller website: www.dod.mil/comptroller*